

PUBLIC BUILDING, MOBILE, ALA.

L E T T E R

FROM

THE SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY,

TRANSMITTING

DRAFT OF A BILL RELATING TO SEWER FACILITIES FOR PUBLIC
BUILDING AT MOBILE, ALA.

JANUARY 9, 1902.—Referred to the Committee on Public Buildings and Grounds and
ordered to be printed.

TREASURY DEPARTMENT,
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY,
Washington, January 8, 1902.

SIR: This Department is advised that extensive repairs are needed to the private sewer which was constructed many years ago, at the joint expense of the United States and certain private property owners, for the accommodation of the post-office and custom-house and the properties of such private persons in the city of Mobile, Ala. This Department is further advised that the city of Mobile is desirous that said private sewer be abandoned, and has offered to connect said Federal building with the public sewer system of said city, and to permit the subsequent use of said sewer system without expense to the Government, provided there is released or transferred to said city all the rights, title, interest, demand, and claim of the United States in and to said private sewer.

The proposition made by the city, if accepted, will result in securing sewer facilities for said building without any future attending expense for repairs and maintenance of the sewer, and will furthermore obviate the necessity of making any expenditures at this time to put said private sewer in proper repair. This Department has the honor, therefore, to recommend the enactment of such legislation as will enable this Department to accomplish the object herein proposed, and has the honor to submit herewith the draft of a bill as suggestive merely of the character of the enactment which this Department has in contemplation as affording sufficient authority for the action recommended.

Respectfully,

L. J. GAGE,
Secretary.

The SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of the Treasury be, and he is hereby, authorized and empowered to release and transfer to the city of Mobile, Alabama, all rights, interests, claims, and demands of the United States in and to the private sewer constructed in part by the United States in connection with the post-office and custom-house building in said city and generally known as the "Battle House" or "Athlestan Association" sewer: *Provided,* That the said city of Mobile will, without cost to the United States for making connection or for subsequent use, transfer the sewer connection of said Federal building from said private sewer to the sewer system of said city, and will grant to the United States for all time, without charge, the free and uninterrupted use of said public sewer.

O